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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Y. KOBAYASHI, et al.

Application No.: 10/031,785

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR CONTAINER OPENING/CLOSING APPARATUS AND SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD

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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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February 6, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 10, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as listed below and as set forth on the following pages:

**Amendments to the Specification and Abstract;**

**Amendments to the Claims;**

**Amendments to the drawings describing changes to drawing shown in Appendix A;**

**Remarks are included following the amendments;**

**APPENDIX A including the annotated drawing and the replacement drawing; and**

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**APPENDIX B including a new Substitute Specification and Abstract  
together with a marked-up copy of both the original Specification and Abstract  
are attached following the remarks; and**